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*John, Correll  
So these go in  
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Mr. Eugene C. Tidball  
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Atlantic Richfield Company  
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Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Mr. Tidball:

We are responding to your letter of October 17, 1985. In your letter, you allege that the studies of blasting impacts that we are continuing to conduct have been implemented solely for the purpose of obtaining information for potential lawsuits on the part of the Pueblo of Laguna, and individual Tribal members who are residents of the Village of Pagate. On the contrary, our blasting and seismic studies are being conducted to ensure that the Department of the Interior does not approve a reclamation program, including blasting, that results in adverse impacts to the Village of Pagate. Such information may also have a bearing on possible past impacts during mining.

It is our understanding that the charges being utilized to determine possible future blast impacts are much smaller than those utilized by Anaconda Company during mining operations. Accordingly, we expect that the blasting studies will not result in any significant impacts to Pagate Village housing.

The results of the blasting studies will be available to Anaconda Company as well as other interested parties. We look forward to continuing to work with Anaconda Company in efforts to reclaim the Jackpile-Pagate Mine.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Assistant Area Director (Trust)

cc: Supt., Laguna Agency  
Paul Gardin  
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